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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

CONFIRMATION NO.: 2859

BARBARA HAVILAND MINOR ET. AL.

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EXAMINER: JOHN R. HARDEE

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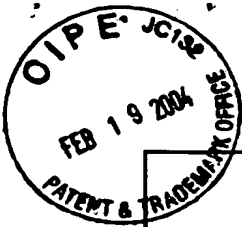
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Introductory Comments

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action that was mailed on December 16, 2003 (Paper No. not identified) for which a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response was set.

Claims 1-7 and 10-11 have been finally rejected. The Examiner objected to claim 9 as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Claim 9, which is now amended is rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim (claims 1, 2 and 3) and intervening claims. Applicants have added new claims 12 -16 to accomplish the amendment necessary to overcome the Examiner's objection.

Based on the foregoing, allowance of claims 9, 12-16 is respectfully requested. If anything further is needed to advance the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the above telephone number.



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